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Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, of Louisville, Kentucky.

## The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

By general co-operation of Southern Baptists, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary was founded in 1859 for the purpose of furnishing such theological education as is needed by Baptist ministers. The institution was located in Greenville, S. C., up to the year 1877, when it was removed to its present location in Louisville, Ky.

Intimately associated with the earliest history of the Seminary are the great names of James P. Boyce, D. D., LL. D., and John A. Broadus, D. D., LL. D., who were members of the first faculty and continued in the service of the institution until their death. Besides these, the Seminary faculty has included some of the foremost men of the Baptist denomination in the South, who gave themselves heart and soul to the life and prosperity of the school.

Since its location in Louisville, Ky., the Seminary has been placed upon a solid financial foundation. It now has four large buildings in which its work is carried on, which are admirably adapted to their purposes, and there are adequate accommodations for the large student body, numbering about three hundred annually. There are eight regular members of the faculty, besides a teacher of elocution.

## THE BUILDINGS.

Norton Hall, the handsomest of the group of buildings, contains lecture rooms, chapel, and offices of the faculty and Seminary

officials, and was the gift of the Norton family, of Louisville.

The fire-proof library building, the gift of Mrs. J. Lawrence Smith of Louisville, is admirably adapted to its purpose, and is well stocked with theological books.

Levering Gymnasium, the gift of Hon. Josua Levering, of Baltimore, Md., provides for the large student body excellent facilities for physical exercise and bathing.

New York Hall is the dormitory and the boarding hall, and will accommodate nearly three hundred students. This building was the gift of friends in New York.

## LOCATION.

The location of the Seminary in a great city of more than a quarter of a million of inhabitants affords opportunity for city mission work by the students, and they also have the opportunity of hearing many of the best preachers in the country, and studying the methods of many of the successful pastors. The climate in Louisville is such that students from all sections, both south and north, are able to pursue their studies under favorable climatic conditions. In healthfulness Louisville stands third among large American cities.

## COURSES OF STUDY.

All studies are elective, so that men of varying grades of preparation may pursue the courses suited to their abilities and needs. Those with only an English education can take the English course to advantage, and

what is called the Pastor's Course is adapted to meet the needs of men of ordinary education who can spend only one session at the Seminary. At the same time all the teaching is of a high order, and the advanced work is equal to the highest and best work done in any other Seminary. About eighty-five per cent of the men entering the Seminary have had college training, and where it is possible for the student to attend college before entering the Seminary he should not fail to do so.

## THE BIBLE THE CORE OF THE CURRICULUM.

The courses of study in the Seminary are organized around the Bible. The text of the Scripture is dealt with directly in six of the classes which are required for graduation in full. These are the classes in Old Testament Interpretation, New Testament Interpretation, Junior Hebrew, Junior Greek Senior Hebrew, and Senior Greek. The teaching in the English classes in Old and New Testament Interpretation is done by men who are experts in the original languages. Around this Biblical center and in vital connection with it the remainder of the Seminary course is organized.

## SPIRITUAL LIFE.

The Seminary aims to promote the spiritual life and missionary interest of its students to a high degree. The first day of each month is devoted to a great missionary meeting, and there is a chapel service four days in every week. Recitations are opened with prayer, and it is the aim of the professors to combine the spiritual with the practical in their class work. They believe that while theological instruction should be maintained at a high level of scholarly accuracy and thoroughness, it should be kept subordinate to the highest spiritual ideals.

## COST OF A SESSION.

The unmarried student who boards in New York Hall with the student body, can spend a session in the Seminary at a cost of about \$170, which covers, board, books, room rent, washing, lights, and incidentals. This does not include cost of clothing or traveling expenses.

For the married man who brings a family, of course, the cost is somewhat more, as they must find rooms in the city and keep house on a small scale. By very rigid economy a man and wife can get through on as little as \$250 for the session of eight months, paying room rent, and buying provisions and books, but clothing and traveling expenses are not included in this amount.

For worthy students who are properly recommended some financial assistance is provided, which considerably reduces the amount to be provided by them. After being in attendance at the Seminary for some



Students who desire remunerative employment to assist in defraying expenses are often enabled to obtain it.

If those interested in a theological education will write to Pres. E. Y. Mullins, Northern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky., stating their case fully and asking for advice and help, if needed, they will receive complete information and if possible the way will be made clear for them to attend the Seminary.

The next session will open October 2nd, and it is always well for students to be on hand a day or so in advance, so they may be settled and ready for work when the classes begin.

#### The Value of a Theological Course to the Young Minister.

By Rev. E. Y. Mullins, President, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.)

The following are a few of the elements of value in a theological course for the young minister:

1. It gives him special training for his special work. It is the age of specialism.
2. It gives him acquaintance with the English Bible. Our Louisville Seminary has unusually fine courses in the English Bible.
3. It gives him opportunity for taking every necessary branch of study for the training of the young preacher under expert instructors.
4. It gives him contact with hundreds of young men who will be his fellow workers in the Kingdom in after years.
5. It fits him to cope with difficulties and practical situations which arise in his ministry by giving him special training.
6. It gives him confidence in himself, which is a tremendous factor of power in the ministry.
7. It gives him a vision of the preacher's task and calling.
8. It gives him contact with all the great problems of denominational work.
9. It fits him for leadership in the Kingdom of God.

These and other advantages are attached to a Seminary course. No young preacher can afford to neglect the opportunity for fitting himself for the highest usefulness.

#### Clarke Memorial College.

Clarke Memorial College is located at Newton, Mississippi at the crossing of two railroads, the Alabama and Vicksburg and the New Orleans, Mobile and Chicago in the midst of what we might call the great white belt because so many white people live in this section.

If we should mark out the territory that we are trying especially hard to reach it would be as follows: Beginning with the northeast corner of Noxubee county and running due west to the northwest corner of Attala county, then due south to the city of Jackson and following Pearl River to the Gulf of Mexico, bounded on the south by the Gulf and on the east by Alabama. We have here a great stretch of territory containing nearly thirty-four counties with 75-



GIRLS' DORMITORY  
Clarke Memorial College, Newton, Miss.

000 white Baptists and Clarke Memorial College is the only Baptist school that has ever been built in this great section except the newly launched Female College at Hattiesburg.

I judge that more white Baptists live in this section than any other thirty-four counties in Mississippi. We have here boys and girls by the hundred who need the advantages of a Christian school, and who will avail themselves of such advantages when schools are built in their section of the State.

We have just closed our third session. It was a most satisfactory year's work. The enrollment reached nearly the two hundred and fifty mark. During the three years' work we have reached all told about six hundred boys and girls in this part of the State, the majority of whom would not have been reached had the school not been built.

The object for the establishment of the school was for the reaching of this great section for our God. It had never been reached in an educational way and never could have been, being so far removed from the schools in our State. The boys and girls who have attended school here and received its religious impressions have carried into their respective communities the strength and character and zeal of the institution and they are fast becoming towers of strength for the Lord.

In the cut above we give a view of our girls' dormitory. We have two other buildings beside this one—a boys' dormitory and a chapel building.

You will observe that this building is three stories high. In the first story is the dining room, kitchen, matron's room, store rooms, and etc. This dining room is for all boarding students, boys and girls. They meet in the dining room three times a day at meals, girls occupying one side of the tables and boys the other. In the other two stories of the girls' building are rooms for the girls.

Our boys' building is three stories high; both the boys' and girls' buildings are heated

with steam and both have hot and cold baths and are furnished throughout with modern equipment. Our chapel building is a beauty. The class rooms are on first floor, the chapel hall and music rooms on the second floor.

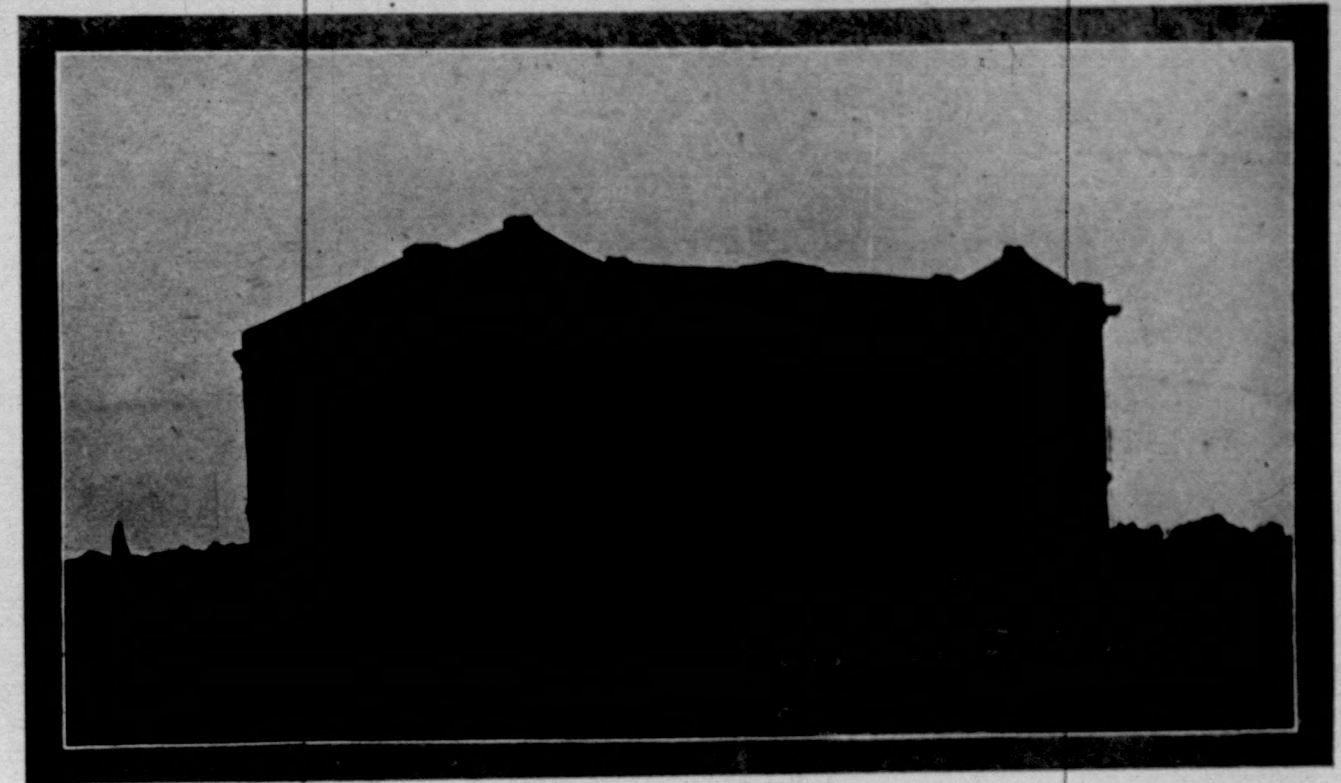
Three special departments have been added which ought to appeal to every mother and father; first, the farming department where we help poor boys to pay their way through school. The cry ought to be to our boys, back to the farm. Second, an industrial department where we help poor girls to work their way, where they are trained to be home workers. Third, the Bible department, which means that the Bible will be taught to every student who comes to us, and taught in such a way as to give them a comprehensive view of the book of all books. No education is complete; no life is complete without a knowledge of God. God once said through inspiration that the people perish for lack of knowledge. Now, reader, do you know of any school that offers such opportunities and advantages? And remember, we are not yet four years old!

Our prices are the cheapest, about \$165—pays all necessary expenses. Send us your name and let us mail you a new catalog. With the correlation of this school and Mississippi College, we believe that Mississippi Baptists stand face to face with the brightest day they have ever experienced—a day that will be far-reaching in its many results—a day when Baptists will present to the world a solid line of battle. It will usher in a day of great movements and God's people are ready for that hour.

Truly,

S. B. Culpepper, Pres.

Hold fast to the Bible as the sheet-anchor to your liberties. Write its precepts in your hearts and practice them in your lives. To the influence of this Book we are indebted for all of the progress made in true civilization, and to this we must look as our guide in the future.—U. S. Grant.



MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE  
New Science Building.

#### Farewell and Good Morning!

After thirteen years of honorable, efficient, devoted service, Dr. W. T. Lowrey goes out from us bearing the confidence and love of the faculty, board of trustees and students. Not only have I found in Dr. Lowrey a man of conspicuous integrity and nobility of character, but also one of the most faithful and helpful of friends the Lord has ever given me in life. During most of his stay in Clinton he has been my nearest neighbor, and I have seldom felt sadder than when from my veranda I saw him loading his household goods for Blue Mountain. I said to my little family as we sat there together: "Dr. Lowrey has been the best friend I ever had in this world."

Ten days ago Dr. Lowrey turned over the books and all the interests of Mississippi College to me. It has been his custom for years to have an expert accountant come at the close of each session and go over all his financial accounts, and render a statement to the trustees. In fact, by his own suggestion, all his accounts for the past thirteen years of service have been thus verified. This was done in May for the accounts of last session, but he arranged for the accountant to come back again for a day just before I took charge, run all the accounts up to date and make for me a complete statement of the condition of the College finances. Dr. Lowrey not only believes in being honest in the sight of God, but also in "providing things honest in the sight of all men." He also believes in making the situation as easy as possible for his successor. Farewell, therefore, to the man who has done more than all other men put together for the upbuilding of Mississippi College and who now retires so honorably and so gracefully. We have his love and his promise of lifelong devotion to Mississippi College; we expect him to be our most faithful friend and we follow him with unmeasured appreciation.

I have been chosen by the board of trustees as his successor. I never sought the place; in fact, I greatly preferred the more delightful work of putting my handsome laboratory in commission. My friends all know that the culmination of my professional ambition in Mississippi College was the completion and equipment of the best laboratory in Mississippi, and the great privilege of spending some years in that laboratory at work along my chosen line. You can appreciate my feeling, therefore, just as I am realizing these splendid things I am asked to turn my attention largely to administrative work in the College. I accepted because I think I can do some good and serve my fellow men. I enter upon this new field of endeavor not with timidity and uncertainty, or faltering step, but with buoyant hopes and the greatest confidence in the future of our College work. The marvelous success of the retiring president only inspires us more that the upward movement will go on. Mississippi College has taken such an advanced stand in the educational affairs of our country, it is no longer a question of one man or set of men—it is our College first, last and all the time. Our men are rallying to us with the greatest zeal. Throughout the world come many letters of encouragement and expressions of intense loyalty and patriotism. Wherever you find Mississippi College men, whether in China, Japan, Cuba, or the Islands of the Sea, you find that same patriotism. I have never seen a more loyal spirit. While this work was not of my choosing, I acknowledge, frankly, that exhilaration and pride that any engineer has when he opens the throttle of his engine, which throws into motion his whole network of machinery for the accomplishment of his splendid work. Within the past sixty days our students alone have signed bonds to the amount of about \$4,500.00 to equip our Science Building. More will be added soon.

One of the best women in Mississippi has sent the Bible Department a check for five hundred dollars, with the hope that she may very shortly add two thousand dollars more for the equipment of a home for this department. God bless such noble spirits.

Within this year a magnificent library should be put on our campus with an endowment of \$25,000 to support it. Our friends are thinking along this line. It is our hope that we may be able to spend \$1,000 or \$2,000 in beautifying our campus during the next session.

Today a steamer far out at sea has a misfortune, or is in need or distress. Instantly the signal of distress is flashed to every point of the compass by wireless, and immediately every sea-going vessel within a radius of hundreds of miles turns her prow and under the highest pressure rushes to the relief of her crippled sister ship. So today, let Mississippi College send out the signal of need or distress, and instantly throughout the whole world our men rush to the colors.

Yours for success,

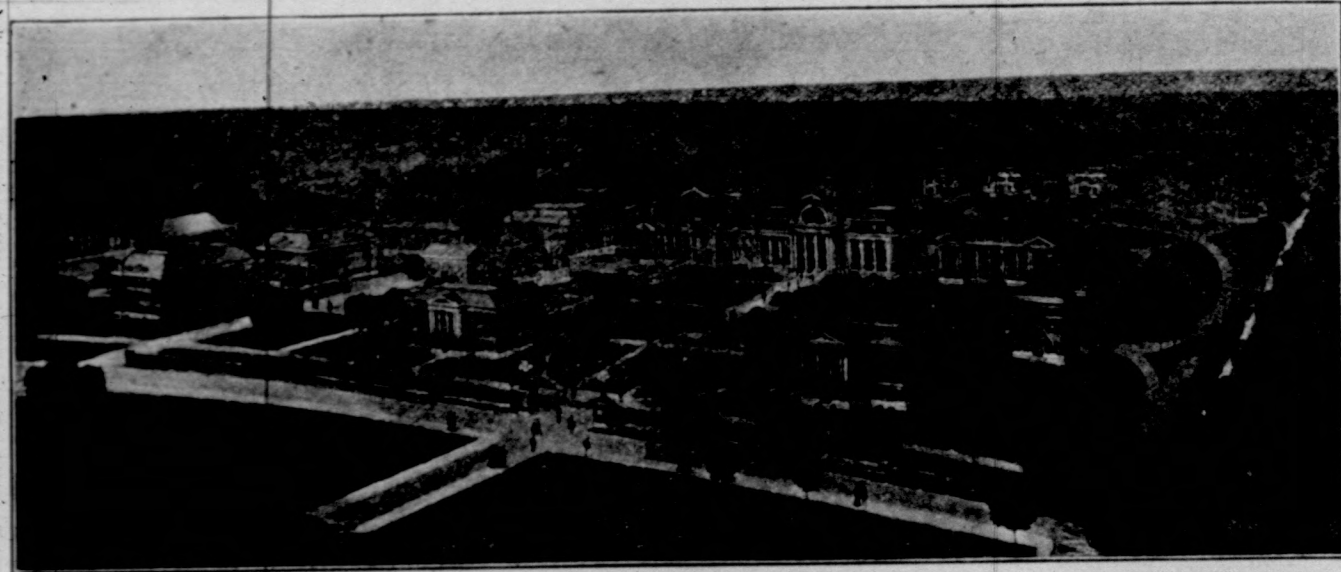
J. W. Province.

#### Mrs. Linney Lowrey Ray.

How in the world have the household affairs at Blue Mountain been managed with such unusual satisfaction to patrons and students during all these years? Two names give the whole explanation: Mrs. Sarah Holmes Lowrey and Mrs. Linney Lowrey Ray. These have been the matrons throughout all the years. First, Mrs. Lowrey, the mother and the inspiration of all the Lowreys; then Mrs. Lowrey, assisted by her two daughters, Mrs. Ray, but since mother Lowrey's death, thirteen years ago, Mrs. Ray has been in charge with such assistants as she has needed from time to time.

Blue Mountain is a school of great departments and every department has had its wise head.





GREATER MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE  
A Plan Partly Developed to Be Completed Later.

#### Our Departing President.

Months ago I opened a letter from President Lowrey; I began to read and this was the opening sentence:

"My dear Captain:

I am writing you a letter now which it breaks my heart to write." The next morning my own heart was broken, for he went on to tell me that he found it necessary to resign the presidency of Mississippi College. The announcement came as a great shock, for none of us were expecting it. When we learned the full his reasons, none of us blamed him, but all of us who were connected with the College felt that our loss was irreparable. Two weeks ago he turned all the College interests over to his successor. Now, that he has rendered his final accounts, I feel that the president of the Board of Trustees throughout his administration and for many years preceding, may be allowed a word.

After these thirteen years of intimate official and personal association, I can say sincerely that I have never known him to be guilty of a selfish act. I can say, too, that I have never been associated with any man in whose sincerity and integrity I had greater confidence.

When he entered upon his work for the College we expected much, but by his devoted and untiring work, he has accomplished more than the most hopeful of us expected. The Baptists of Mississippi owe him a debt of gratitude that we shall never be able to pay. Let us give him our prayers, our sympathies and our support in his important work at Blue Mountain.

#### OUR NEW PRESIDENT.

As Dr. Lowrey's place had to be filled, we have certainly been fortunate in the selection of his successor.

John Wm. Provine, PH. D., LL. D., is a man of splendid native ability, extensive education and valuable experience. He is a scholar, a gentleman, an executive, a Christian, a MAN. He has been connected with Mississippi College for seventeen years and every year of that time he has "made good." He came to us when he was twenty-eight years of age with an M. A. from our State University and a Ph. D. from one of the great

German universities. He has built up a great science department at Mississippi College and we expect him to make a great president. He and the retiring president are the best of friends; in fact, Dr. Lowrey recommended his election most heartily to the Board. The Board gave him a unanimous election.

Mississippi College was never before on so good a basis as now. Let everybody rally to the new president with confidence and enthusiasm.

W. T. Ratliff,  
President Board of Trustees.

#### John William Provine, Ph. D.

By Pres. W. T. Lowrey.

This splendid specimen of strong, scholarly, efficient manhood, was born in Calhoun county, Mississippi, on the nineteenth day of June in the year 1866. His father, Col. R. N. Provine, was one of the bravest and truest of the gallant Confederate soldiers who sacrificed much and risked everything during the dark days of the Civil War. Col. Provine is now one of the most successful and prosperous farmers in the South, and the sturdy subject of this sketch enjoyed the unspeakable advantage of being reared on the farm by a father who believed in industry, system and honor from the depth of his soul. With the best blood in his veins, excellent native ability and the best of home training, how could he fail to develop into a man worthy of the name? He did not fail.

He secured his early education in the neighboring schools near his home, and then entered the State University at Oxford. After completing his regular course there he was appointed Fellow in the Department of Chemistry, where he worked two years and completed his Master's Degree. Later, with Chemistry as his major, he spent two years in one of the great German Universities, where he secured the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Upon his return to America he was elected Professor of Natural Sciences in Mississippi College. So vigorous, progressive, and efficient did this young professor prove himself to be, that upon the resignation of

President Fenable, one year later, he was elected chairman of the faculty until a president could be secured. In two years he so thoroughly won his way to the front, that he was made president of the College. After one year of service as president, Dr. Provine saw that the financial and executive work of his office was forcing him to sacrifice his specialty as a chemist, so he resigned the presidency in order that he might devote his time more thoroughly to his work as the head of the science department of the College.

At the end of his first year's connection with Mississippi College he had the great good fortune to lead Miss Mary Sproles, of Jackson, Mississippi, to the marriage altar. This cultured and womanly daughter of the great Dr. H. F. Sproles, has been a true help-mate to her progressive and prominent husband.

As President of Mississippi College, Dr. Provine attained enviable success. In addition to excellent service in other lines he handled the finances of the institution admirably and made very decided improvements on the buildings and campus. For these thirteen years since his resignation as President, he has been vigorously pushing his work as the head of our Science Department.

If you come to our College any year, seek out a score of the best students in the institution, and ask each one to name the three strongest and most efficient teachers in the faculty; not one of them, I am sure, will fail to mention Dr. Provine among the three; in fact, you need not be surprised if a large majority of them name him first. Wherever Mississippi College graduates go they are proud to tell that they took their Chemistry under Dr. Provine, and they find everywhere that he is recognized as one of the leading teachers of Chemistry in the South. We would not swap him for anybody.

Dr. Provine loves the soil. He also knows the soil and how to handle it. He owns an excellent farm within a half mile of the College, and finds his recreation in work. Watch him as he rides his splendid saddle mare out from the barn before sunrise in the morning. She knows which way to go

and bears him swiftly toward the farm; but he is back in time for his work. In the afternoon, when the school hours are over, you will see that splendid animal bearing her purposeful master in the same direction again. I doubt if there is a finer farmer in Hinds county than Dr. Provine. This feature of his life is an example and a blessing to the boys, as well as to the entire community.

As a citizen, Dr. Provine is noteworthy. I do not hesitate to say that from the standpoint of progressive citizenship he has been worth more to the town of Clinton than any other one man since the war. He believes in law and order, but that is not all. He believes in public improvement and conveniences. To him Clinton owes her electric lights, and water works; to him more than any other man, she owes the great improvements that have come to her streets and sidewalks, and to him more than any other citizen, we owe our new depot and the improved surroundings of the railroad station. Any community might be proud of such a citizen as Dr. Provine. He owns his own home and it is probably the nicest and most conveniently arranged home in the town. He sets his neighbors a good example in all that pertains to community pride.

As a Christian, Dr. Provine is one of the leaders of the community. He is one of the most faithful and progressive deacons in our Baptist church. He is also the accurate and efficient treasurer of the church. He is Superintendent of the Sunday School and takes great pride in this noble work. You will find few such Sunday School Superintendents in Mississippi. He is energetic in Christian work, exemplary in conduct, and humble in prayer.

From the above description of my admirable friend, neighbor and co-worker, you could not possibly have gotten the idea that he is "goody-goody." Far from it. He is good. That is, he is efficient in the accomplishment of things that ought to be done. Temper? Yes, sir; he has it! Spirit? Yes, if that is different, he has that! He is courageous, vigorous, virile; and his impulses are like the throbbing of a steam engine. As I have lived near neighbor to him for these thirteen years and know him in all sorts of relations, he has often reminded me of a strong man riding a fiery steed. With form erect and hands upon the reins, clearing his distances with precision and speed, he would never allow weakness to enter the mind of the observer. Weakness is about the last thing you would think of when you consider Dr. Provine. Of course, occasionally, in his intensity, he forgets and relaxes his hold on the reins, and then look out! But you may be always sure that it won't be long until the strong hand will be in control again and the strong steed will be held down to perfect control.

School boys will nick-name any man, if they like him. In view of Dr. Provine's physical build, and his fluent use of the German language, the boys have dubbed him "Dutchy." This name, as used by the boys,

bespeaks admiration and affection on their part, and jolly good-humor on his part.

Dr. Provine is a constantly growing man. He was an able man and a Christian when he came to Mississippi College, but during these seventeen years he has grown wonderfully in self-control, knowledge, wisdom and grace. He is still in his prime, and while he is a great man now, he will grow greater with the years. Such a man does not stand still. He moves on and up! O, "Dutchy," here's to your health and happiness; may your large store of knowledge grow larger from year to year; may your splendid wisdom grow more and more trustworthy; may your skilled hand become more skillful; may your prosperity increase; may long years be added to your life, and may your entire pathway be "as the shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

The above article was written about Dr. Provine for the College Annual, last spring, when I did not know that it would be necessary for me to resign the presidency of Mississippi College or that he would be my successor. Now, that our relations have changed, I am glad to have it republished in The Record.

W. T. L.

#### Hillman College.

The property at Hillman has been vastly improved since it came into the hands of Lowrey and Berry. Two new buildings have been erected, a splendid steam heating plant has been supplied, a good sewerage system has been installed; all of the old buildings have been put in repair, the campus has been greatly enlarged, new furniture has been placed in most of the rooms, an industrial home has been established, and eight pianos have been added, etc.

Many of the rooms are now equal in comfort, convenience and beauty to the rooms in the most costly schools of the South. They have room for only sixty boarders in the regular department and twenty in the industrial home. They are proposing to make Hillman a first-class school of limited numbers.

The director of music, after graduating at one of the leading conservatories on this continent, spent one year in one of the great German conservatories. She has had ten years of successful experience and is absolutely first-class.

The assistant in music is a brilliant graduate of the New England Conservatory; has had several years of successful experience.

The art teacher finished her course in art by studying three years under the best teachers in Philadelphia, and one in Paris, France. They have a beautiful new art studio.

The expression department is first class. Mr. Lowrey Berry, who for three years has been the business manager of Mississippi College, will now devote his whole time to Hillman. He and his wife will have charge of the household affairs.

Prof. L. T. Lowrey, who, since his graduation at Mississippi College, has been a very

successful high school superintendent, will be vice-president.

Dr. W. T. Lowrey will spend one week in each month at Clinton and will devote this week to the interests of Hillman. He will thus give Hillman a good deal more of his time than he was able to give it in connection with his work as president of Mississippi College.

Hillman will have an excellent faculty in all departments as well as excellent accommodations and comforts.

#### Our Colleges.

We have undertaken to bring out a special educational number this week, mainly for Mississippi colleges. However, as the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is a general institution for the South, we are glad to have it represented, and have given it the first place. Mississippi Baptists, as a denomination really own but two schools, Mississippi College and Clarke Memorial College, the former located at Clinton and the latter at Newton. The former is an old institution while the latter is quite young. It is true that there are other Baptist schools in the State, but owned and controlled by individuals, such as Blue Mountain and Hillman College, which are doing the finest sort of work. Mississippi College is a male College and Hillman and Blue Mountain are female, while Clarke Memorial is co-educational. All these schools are doing a work which is blessing the State and the world. And they are constantly enlarging their facilities and increasing their usefulness to humanity.

Several changes have recently taken place in all these colleges, some occasioned by death and some by other things, but the watchword with them all is "Forward." Also our Seminary is growing with each passing year and proving an ever-increasing blessing to the whole world, but especially to our Southland. Our population and wealth are increasing so rapidly that our colleges will have to enlarge in facilities and multiply in numbers to meet the demand for Baptist education.

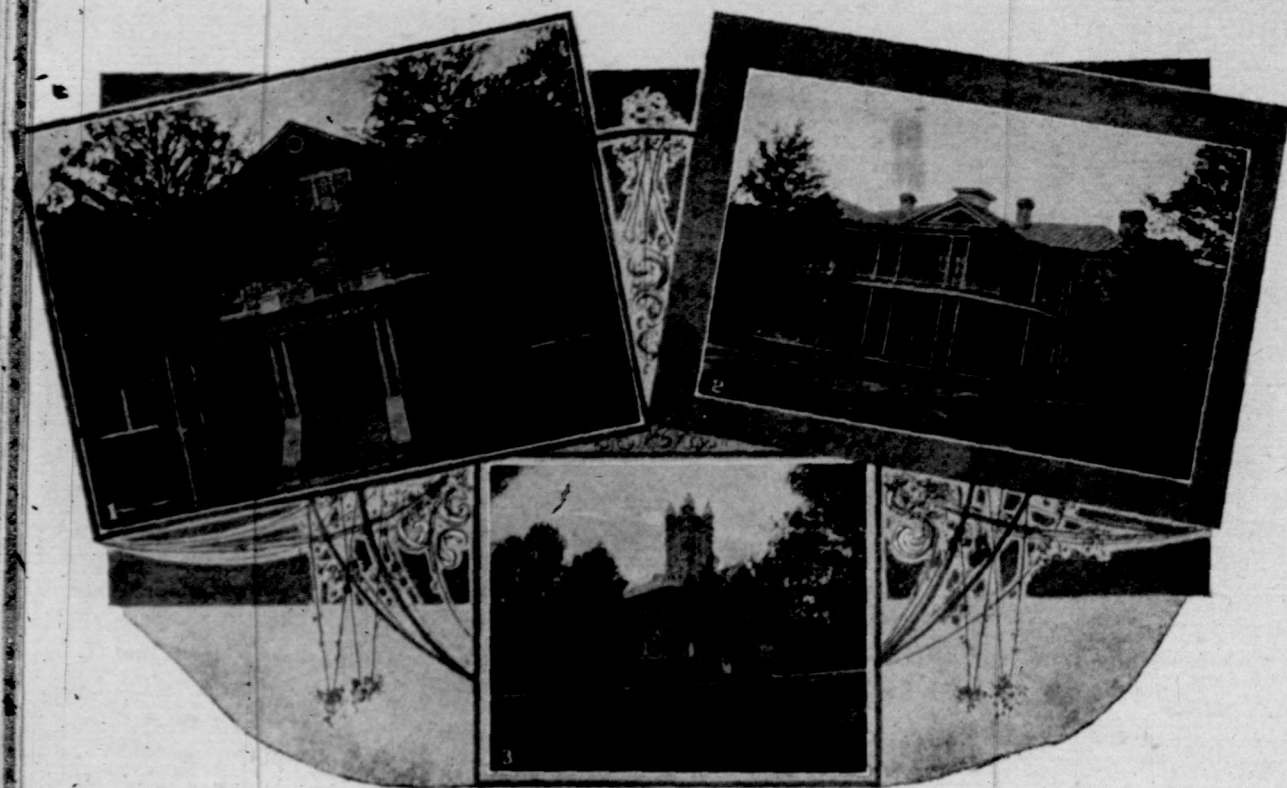
#### A Good Meeting.

The Mountain Creek church is located five miles from Florence in a prosperous farming section. This is one of the best country churches that I have ever known anything about. The people are far above the average country community in intelligence and consecration. I serve this church one Sunday in connection with my work at Florence.

We closed our meeting there Friday afternoon. Brother J. H. Lane, of McComb City, had been invited to do the preaching, but could not be with us on account of sickness. The preaching was done by the pastor with the help of the Lord and the people. Both are mighty good help. The congregations were good and the interest was new from the beginning to the end. Fifteen joined the church, thirteen for baptism and two by letter. We had a good meeting for which we are very grateful to the Lord.

W. S. Allen.





BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE  
Hearn Memorial—Jennings Memorial—Lowrey Memorial Church.

#### Blue Mountain.

Missionary has been the development of Blue Mountain College in recent years. The College has now four large brick buildings, three large frame buildings, and two other smaller, but excellent frame buildings. This makes nine excellent buildings on the campus for boarding and school purposes. The college enrolls over five hundred pupils annually and never fails to fill all the places in the boarding department at the opening of each session; in fact, in recent years the managers have had applications every year for many more boarding pupils than they could accommodate. The piano, voice, art and expression departments are first class. The piano and voice departments are headed by teachers who secured an excellent education in their specialty in this country and then spent years of study in Europe.

Let every girl investigate Blue Mountain thoroughly before leaving Mississippi to secure educational advantages in any line.

#### New President at Blue Mountain.

Blue Mountain College is thirty-eight years old; it has had three presidents as follows:

First, Gen. W. P. Lowrey, '11-12 years.  
Second, W. L. Lowrey, LL. D., 13 1/2 years.  
Third, B. G. Lowrey, LL. D., 13 years.

B. G. Lowrey having been forced to move west on account of health conditions, in the family. Dr. W. T. Lowrey has resigned the presidency of Mississippi College and accepted again the presidency of Blue Mountain College which he resigned thirteen years ago.

From the first day of the first session in September 1873, until now, Blue Mountain College has been steadily growing in patronage, in equipment, in popularity. It is now generally recognized as one of the great institutions of the entire South.

Dr. W. T. Lowrey was chosen in the 27th year of his life to succeed his distinguished father who had just died; now, in the 27th year of his career, as a college president, he again takes his place at the head of the institution which was founded by his father; many of his friends turn their eyes toward his new work and expect him to carry the institution to still grander heights of influence and usefulness. He is already on the ground, if any of our readers want to know anything about Blue Mountain write to him.

#### Rev. W. E. Berry, D. D.

Three years after Blue Mountain College was founded General M. P. Lowrey sold an interest in the school to Dr. Berry. He has been one of the leading factors in the management of the institution for thirty-five years. For many years his work was that of Professor of Greek and Latin. Because the confinement of the class room did not agree with his health, and because he could render important services elsewhere, he has for years devoted a part of his time to the outside business interests of the institution and a part to the ministry, preaching to the neighboring churches. His fine judgment and wise counsel have been of incalculable value to the institution through all the years.

#### B. G. Lowrey, LL. D.

In this Educational issue of The Record we wish to say a fond farewell to the great and greatly beloved B. G. Lowrey. He is now president of the "Lowrey-Phillips Schools" at Amarillo, Texas, where he has inspiring prospects of usefulness ahead of him. Upon his departure from Blue Mountain, ex-Congressman Thomas Spight said publicly:

"Mississippi has given many great men to other states, but Mississippi never gave to any state a greater or more useful man than

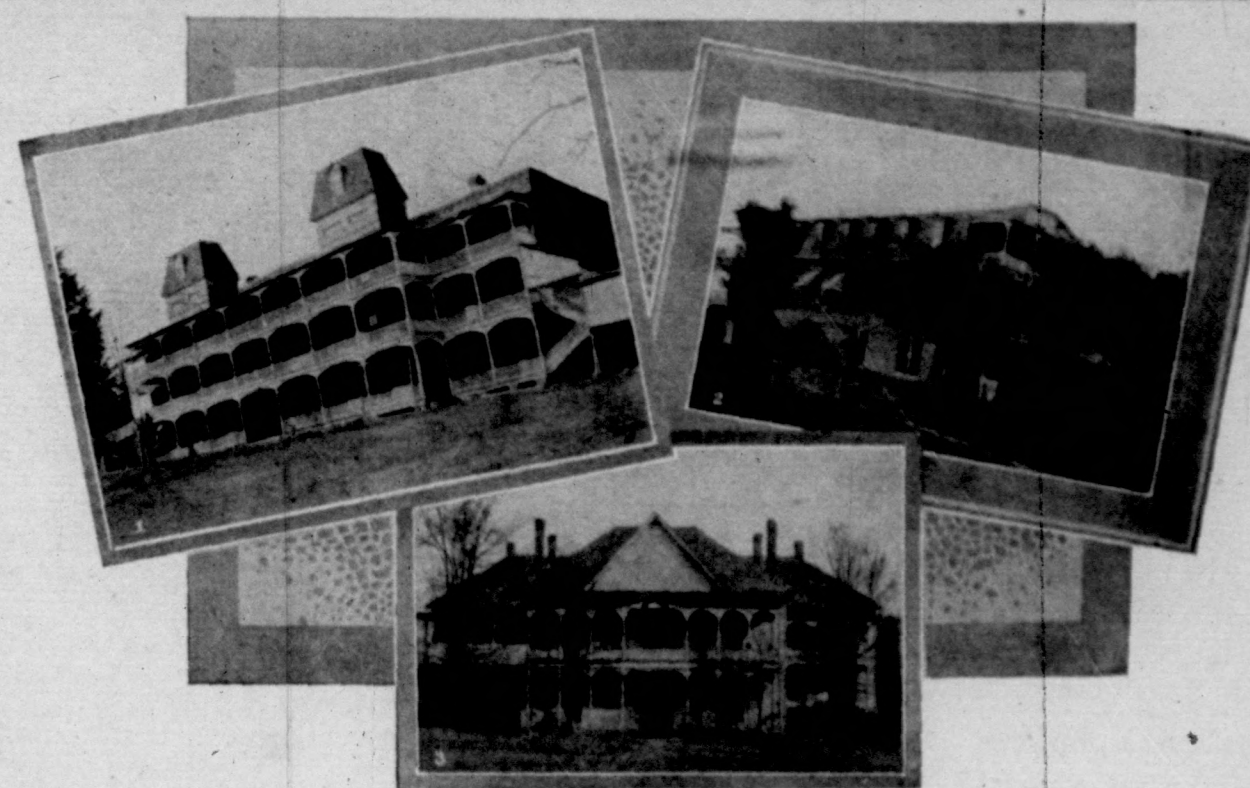
she now gives to Texas in the person of B. G. Lowrey."

When Capt. Spight had finished his speech, Dr. J. C. Hardy, president of the A. & M. College, rose and in a brief speech repeated and emphasized the same high compliment. Many had come to speak of him as "The Great Citizen" among the Lowreys, not a few looked upon him as Mississippi's greatest citizen. Such a man is worth more than a gold mine to any state. We surely hope that his departure from us is not permanent, but that the health of his family will soon enable him to return to Mississippi. In the meantime we assure our brethren in Texas that there are few such men as B. G. Lowrey.

#### T. C. Lowrey.

Finances! That is the rock on which thousands of institutions have been wrecked. The magnificent success attained by Blue Mountain College could never have been reached if there had not been a great financier connected with it. For nearly a score of years T. C. Lowrey, twin brother of B. G. Lowrey, has been secretary and treasurer of the College. Much of the conspicuous success of the great institution has been due to this man of unquestionable integrity, untarnishable honor, indisputable accuracy, unquenchable energy.

Rev. Lee B. Spencer, a son of Rev. E. W. Spencer, was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry on last Lord's day at Lumberton, where his father is pastor, and entered upon his duties in his new field, embracing Crenshaw, Longtown, Strayhorn, giving Crenshaw one-half time and Askeu will have afternoon services on August 1st. He began last Sunday a four weeks' campaign with his churches.



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#### Mrs. Modena Lowrey Berry.

While Blue Mountain College has had three presidents, she has never had but one lady principal and that one is the distinguished builder of women whose name appears above. Like her father she is a "Great General;" yet she is so modest, so benignant, so self-forgetful and unselfish, so womanly that she is the charm of every circle in which she appears.

When Dr. W. T. Lowrey resigned the presidency of Blue Mountain College to accept the presidency of Mississippi College, some one asked Capt. W. T. Ratliff if his leaving would not hurt Blue Mountain, "you might take all the men away from Blue Mountain and it would go on all right, if you would leave Mrs. Berry there." The captain had educated two daughters there and he knew whereof he spoke.

Another prominent man was asked, "why did you send your daughter to Blue Mountain?" "Because," said he, "I would rather my daughter would be like Mrs. Berry than for her to be like any other woman I have ever known."

When Blue Mountain College was founded Mrs. Berry was a young woman of twenty-three, teaching with Dr. W. L. Slack, in the female seminary at Pontotoc, Miss. She is now the queenly matron of 61 with about five thousand students scattered over the land every one of whom "rises up to call her blessed." May the good Lord add another score of active years to her grand and useful life.

#### A Word About the Encampment.

It was my good fortune to be at Blue Mountain during part of the recent B. Y. P. U. encampment. And it would afford me pleasure to express my great delight in the experience. But first, let me most heartily commend the management which could plan such a meeting and carry it through with no

sign of failure or of nervousness. Everything conspired to make it an occasion of great restfulness, and yet it was charged with such energy, that it moved with the quiet majesty of ample strength. Honor to whom honor is due. But the visitor could not discover where the power house was that sent such a meeting through all the vicissitudes without a moment's sagging.

The place is ideal; ample house room, an abundance of clear, cool water. Accommodations all that could possibly be needed, and provisions lavish. And yet the expense was so nominal that one wonders why there was not a thousand people present. Surely the people are not aware of what they have in their midst.

The pleasure of meeting and mingling with friends, brethren and sisters and of enjoying the wholesome presence of well-behaved children; that would have loosened the heart strings of any but a confirmed old bachelor or some such anomaly in humanity. The hours between were an un-mixed delight. But when something was doing in a public way, there was enough for all. The S. S. Training class work under Brother Beauchamp will be felt throughout the coming ages. How could the workers, any of them, fail of its advantage? We shall come to that good day when no Sunday School nor the church which conducts it will be satisfied with any but trained teachers. And it is a marvel how any one who undertakes to teach immortal spirits the great truths of God's word, can fail to make the best possible preparation. Next year, let there be a great company of teachers together there.

It was worth a trip across the State to have been with Dr. Sproles in his study of the inspiration and infallibility of the Bible. That series ought to be a part of the next program, and the size of the class should be measured by the room in which he speaks. The men from abroad brought their best

to the feast, and if one could properly set forth their merits, it would be a labor of love. Those who heard will not lose their appreciation. And it would take more room than I might beg to occupy to even suggest their values. And the fact that I had a small place on the program would not restrain me, for no fair-minded reader will suppose that I am thinking of my modest effort.

The music was an especially attractive feature, and Brother Reynolds, who directed, became such an integral part of it, that one scarcely thought of him as doing more than inducing others to sing. Good leadership and inspiring singing! I am glad I was there. It was an especial pleasure to be among Mississippi Baptists for a few days. And I was glad to see the editor, fat and flourishing.

O. L. Hailey.

Corsicana, Texas.

#### Editorial Paragraphs.

(Taken from the Mindanao Herald, Jack Hackett's paper.)

The world is governed largely by prejudice, vanity and calculation, with a spice of false sentiment in the guise of philanthropy.

Oh! that we could love our fellows as the true amateur loves a picture; fixing on the fine points and overlooking the defects.

Life is a slate where all our sins are written; from time to time we rub the sponge of repentance over it, and then do it again.

"That never a tear bedimmed the eye that time and patience did not dry—never a lip was curved in pain that could not be kissed into smiles again."

The poisonous breath of the world—instrument of the devil—destroys our illusions but they resuscitate at once when a ray of love falls upon our benumbed hearts.

Naturally, women proceed by leaps and bounds; when it is the fashion, they hobble!





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### THE STORY OF TWO KINGDOMS.

Lesson 6 Miss M. M. Lackey.

August 6

Jer. 26:7-19.

#### Jeremiah Tried and Acquitted.

Golden Text: "The Lord is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear?"—Ps.

There is rather a wide gap between last Sunday's lesson and this, and it is well to bridge it in order to keep the history in mind. Read 2nd Chron. 35:20 to 36:4, which tells of the disastrous close of Josiah's reign. Prof. Kent calls his death the most tragic event of Hebrew history. With his death all efforts to make Judah a righteous nation ceased. The people chose Jehoahaz as king, but in three months he was deposed by the ruler of Egypt, and his brother, a weak, bad man, was placed on the throne. Under him Judah slipped into idolatry, violence and even shameful vice. It was during these awful times that Jeremiah lived and prophesied. He was the son of Hilkiah (Jer. 1:1) and came from a priestly family. His uncle was Shallum, (Jer. 32:7) husband of Huldah, the prophetess (2 Kings 22:14). His home was in Anathoth, a small town three or four miles northeast of Jerusalem (Jer. 1:1). He began his work as a prophet when he was young, (Jer. 1) and prophesied until after the captivity of Judah. Be sure to read the first six verses of the chapter.

Who was the king of Judah at this time? (Jehoiakin.)

Under what king did Jeremiah begin prophesying? (Josiah.)

Who was Jeremiah? (Jer. 1:1.)

Where did he live?

Tell the story of his call to be a prophet. (Jer. 1.)

Was Jeremiah a coward in the response he made to God's call?

What message did he give to the cities of Judah? (Verses 1-6.)

What danger was threatening Judah at that time? (Judah was under the control of Egypt and the Babylonian armies were pressing upon Jerusalem.)

What did Jeremiah tell them would be the cause of their destruction?

How did he say it could be avoided? (Vs. 4-6.)

How was Jeremiah's warning received by the religious leaders?

What did they threaten to do to him?

Why were they so angry?

What is the meaning of the reference to Shiloh? ("At Shiloh the Israelites pitched the tent after the conquest of the land. Later, in the time of Samuel, there was a permanent structure there. The ark was taken therefrom by the Philistines in the time of Eli and Shiloh ceased to rank as a sanctuary." All this caused by its falling into gross idolatry.)

How did the people regard the safety of the temple?

What condition for its safety had they disregarded?

What was the penalty for a prophet who spoke without the authority of God? (Deut. 18:20.)

Why did the religious leaders make such a charge against Jeremiah?

By whose authority did Jeremiah declare that he spoke? (Verse 12.)

What renewed warning did he give the people?

What did he say about his own life? (Verse 14.)

In putting him to death what new calamity would the people be liable to bring upon themselves?

Who defended Jeremiah against the religious leaders? (Verses 16-17.)

What convinced them that he had spoken in the name of Jehovah?

What former case was cited in defense of Jeremiah?

Who was Micah?

What was the result of the trial?

#### SEEK FURTHER ANSWERS

How does severe trial affect you?

Can you give as ringing testimony for God after your affliction as before?

Which is greater, moral or physical courage?

Do they go together?

How may you become a moral athlete?

Is it always safe to say what God wants us to say?

How do present day lynchers compare with the mob that surrounded Jeremiah?

Why are the hypocrites usually so bitter against a truly good man?

Are good men ever persecuted in this day?

What class of men condemned Jeremiah strongest?

Are our severest critics in this day the people who belong to the same line of business we follow?

Are doctors more merciful than other people in judging the mistakes of doctors?

How about ministers?

Is the man whose business in life is to warn a popular man as a rule?

Does God always give the strength to meet His calls?

What about the martyrs?

Mention two strong points in this lesson.

Give the Golden Text.

The Baptist Forum is the largest magazine the Baptists have ever had, containing one hundred pages, of regular magazine size. They desire to make the August number especially useful in the discussion of Baptist doctrine.

What is it that differentiates us from other people? What do Baptists stand for? and other great questions will be well discussed in this issue. The proprietors of the magazine greatly desire to circulate ten thousand extra copies of this number, and will hold their forms open until August 15, to receive orders. Let every reader of The Record, therefore, send twenty cents and get this excellent number of the magazine, or what would be better, send \$1.00 and secure ten copies, which will allow you to place the copies where they are needed among your friends, and reimburse yourself for the price.

Be sure to send the order before August 15, as the forms will close on that day and they might not be able to fill your order. This is a great plan and will doubtless do much good throughout the country.

Owing to our bringing out this special educational number, we are compelled to leave out nearly all other matter, but we will catch up as soon as we can.

We are requested to say that Gulfport does yet desire to have the State Convention meet there, provided the time of meeting can be moved back or forward two weeks, so as to clear the Gulf Coast Fair, but cannot entertain it and the Fair at the same time, and the Fair cannot change. Because the work has grown too heavy for his strength, pastor Grace has resigned the Gulfport pastorate, to take effect November 15th.

Taint no use to grumble and complain,

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 They loud proclaim  
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 From thrones they loudly call;  
 Revoke your name.

All hail, Liberia, land!  
 Arise, and now prevail  
 O'er all thy foes.  
 In truth and righteousness,  
 In all the arts of peace,  
 Advance, and still increase  
 Though host oppose!

At the land call we rise,  
 And press towards the prize  
 In glory's robe,  
 All resolute of fame  
 We breathe the inspiring flame,  
 Trusting in His precious name,  
 And onward press.

Here liberty shall dwell,  
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 Religion here;  
 To the fair Virtue's dome,  
 Meek innocence may come  
 And find a peaceful home,  
 And know no fear.

## Mission Prayer Calendar.

August 6, Sunday—  
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 August 7, Monday—  
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## Progress in Africa.

The Winn Memorial church is the youngest of the Ogbomoso churches, having a membership of twenty-three, and an average attendance at Sunday School of twelve. The church building has been renovated and the outside plastered with cement. The services have been of a helpful nature.

At Ijern church the work is very encouraging. Eleven persons have been baptized and the membership has been raised to one hundred and twelve. In the early part of the year the old mud seats were replaced by hardwood pews with backs to them, and the interior renovated. This church is almost entirely self-supporting, over \$50.00 having been raised during the year.

The Oke Lerin church is the mother church and leads the way as a self-supporting church. There have been eleven baptisms; the membership stands at one hundred and forty-eight, and over one hundred dollars has been raised during the year. At the request of this church Brother Laniyi, a native preacher was ordained to the Gospel ministry in March. This church has given seventeen preachers and teachers who form the native staff of our African Mission.

At Ejigbo a new church has been built, and faithful work is being done by Brother Ayoola. The membership remains at thirty. It is a town most strongly Pagan and Christian work is very difficult and requires much patience.

One of the most helpful features of church work in Ogbomoso is the monthly meeting of the workers, when we have a Bible reading, prayer, and each worker tells the story of his efforts to win people for Christ.

## THE SCHOOLS.

At Winn Memorial School on the mission lot, the average daily attendance has been fifty-two. Mrs. Pinnock undertook the work

of grading the classes, and the recent results in the examinations prove that good work has been done. One boy from the first class will come into the training school, and two boys from the school will become apprentices in the industrial school at Saki. The new wing of the school building has been completed and furnished during the year.

For the training school I am glad to report a year of unbroken and successful work. One student graduated at the recent examination and has gone to work with Dr. Lockett at Abokuta. We commenced the year's work with thirteen students. It will require several years of steady work to make this school a really efficient training ground for native workers. Our tutor, Amos Isola, deserves special mention for his devotion to the work. With his help in the school, and Mrs. Pinnock's help in managing the food and clothes departments, it will be comparatively easy to maintain the discipline of the institution.

## MISSION WORK AT SAKI.

Eight years have passed since the starting of the work in Saki, and even after this length of time it is the youngest of our African stations. The staff of missionaries on this field has not been sufficient to man the older posts. This may seem like retrenchment, but it is not so. The work has gone forward and the battle line gradually extended around the main stations as centers, from which, by the aid of native evangelists and teachers, outstations have been opened up and much good work done. This has been true of Saki. The eight years have brought many varied experiences, both encouraging and discouraging. Toil, disappointment and difficulties have been mingled with joy in the Master's service and also sweet reward.

The last year has been one of earnest endeavor on the part of the native evangelists and Christians, resulting in a spiritual quickening among themselves and conversions among the heathen.

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Our day school, from which we have already sent a number of students to the Theological Training School at Ogbomoso, has been well attended; three of the young men are hoping to enter the training school next year. Most of our scholars are Christians from heathen homes, and by their lives and conversation are carrying the gospel to their own people.

In the church the work has been very encouraging, especially the latter part of the year. Under the present pastor, a young man of very earnest Christian character, the attendance at the Sunday School and church services has steadily increased, and great interest taken in Christian matters, eleven young men having been baptized.

The Industrial School at Saki has had a successful year. It furnishes a most helpful method of contact between the missionaries and the people. It is well that the best artisans of the district should be earnest Christians. Through work done on the government buildings during the year, the school aided largely in its own support. Dr. E. G. MacLean is the efficient superintendent.

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Brother Bills was a zealous member of the Baptist church for nearly sixty years.

He always took a great interest in Sunday School work. One of the last acts of Christian service that he did was to have organized at his lake, a few miles from town, a large afternoon Sunday School, which seems to be accomplishing a great deal of good. Brother Bills was also a great temperance worker. He was chairman of the temperance committee in Corinth in 1884, when the prohibition of the liquor business was effected in the city, and was leader of the temperance forces during the 7 years' war waged by the liquor dealers in courts and in the legislature. He always considered his temperance work the most important work of his life.

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He was one of the men whose cheerfulness appeared to be in-

creased by age, verifying in this particular, the description given of "the path of the just which is as the shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

The law of kindness was on his tongue. In the death of our brother our church has sustained a great loss, but we believe that heaven has been enriched by his going.

We commend the heartbroken loved ones to Jesus and trust they will look to Him, who has promised that all things work together for good to them that love God.

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I have five weeks of this kind of work before me and I ask all who read this note to pray for me that I may honor my Master in preaching. May the Lord bless the Record and all of its readers.

Your brother in the work,

J. A. Lee.

Tehawaukana, Texas, July 29th, 1911.

Dear Record:

I want to tell your readers about our great meeting that was held here and closed a few days ago.

It was one of the most remarkable meetings ever held in this part of Texas. Rev. Jim Smylie, of your state, did the preaching. We have never heard such wonderful sermons as he gave us. Every one marveled at his eloquence. His mental and spiritual grasp of Scripture was exceedingly great. He certainly possesses a great mind and a great soul. People came for many miles to the meeting. It will be the topic of conversation for some time to come.

The results were great, many conversions, many were led to renew their vows to God, old scores were settled, families that had been divided were reunited, and the cause of God wonderfully advanced.

Can't you send to Texas a few more preachers like him?

To God be all the praise,

T. E. Williamson.

P. S.—The meeting closed with a great prohibition rally. The address was delivered by Brother Smylie. To say it was great was to feebly express it. He is past-master on the prohibition platform. His arraignment of the liquor traffic was terrible. His hearers were inspired to the highest pitch of enthusiasm.

### The Way to Treat Old Women.

In the August Woman's Home Companion, Margaret E. Sangster writes of youth and old age. Following is an extract:

"I hold firmly to the belief that few of us need to grow old unless we choose. Every decade has its advantages and pleasures, its dignities and privileges. We grow old only if we let ourselves rust, if we lose our sympathy with the young and cease to be interested in the current history of the globe. When a woman no longer needs to give her time and attention to her children, she should seize firmly upon another interest, and in its selection she should be guided by her own tendencies rather than by the wishes of her family and friends. Nothing is more distasteful than dictation to a woman who feels herself on a precise equality with those around her, but finds herself gently pushed in a direction which may not appeal to her. 'Mother would better not accept this invitation.' 'Mother cannot think of going on a shopping excursion by herself.' If friends are coming to dine with mother, Ellen or Nora or Melissa must be at home to be sure that no mistakes are made, that the dinner is perfectly served and the house precisely as it ought to be.

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"The restlessness of girlhood is unlike the restlessness of later life, but for both there might be a cure in a little wholesome neglect on the part of anxious dear ones. To the assiduous and tenderly zealous young people who are unremitting in their waiting upon and offering relief to people who are frankly old and do not mind it, I recommend tact and the thoughtful consideration of two aspects of the case. One is that experience counts for something as an asset, and the other is that youth is steadily marching on towards age, so that it may be as well for the young to, mentally, put themselves in the place of the old."

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I shall go on my vacation the latter part of August. Will be in Virginia and supply the last two Sundays in August at the Second church, Washington, D. C. May the Lord give great reviv-

als to all the churches during this evangelistic season.

L. E. Barton.

## A Good Meeting at Leakesville.

Dear Brother Bailey:

You may say in the Record that we have just closed a great meeting at Leakesville old men say it was the best meeting they ever had at this place, we had evangelist Holecomb of the Home Mission Board and his singer and wife Mr. and Mrs. Criscoe. Mrs. Criscoe did the playing while Mr. Criscoe did the leading of the song service. They added greatly to the meeting. I have never seen a young couple with brighter prospects for the future than they. Mrs. Criscoe is the daughter of our beloved friend and bro-

ther, W. B. Holecomb, of Wesson, Miss.

The evangelist was at his best and seemed to feel the power and presence of the Lord from the first service. It was indeed a great day in Leakesville Sunday. We closed out Sunday night with sixteen additions for baptism and two by letter. I baptized Thursday night and received two others by baptism and two by letter. I can see better days for Leakesville church.

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Where nobody sees—I will meet my Friend.  
We shall speak to each other till spirits blend.

In the twilight of day the fairest of all  
Will come and quietly talk to my soul.

He will break the bread and offer the wine,  
And my heart will grow strong on His feast divine.

As Mary once sat at His feet and cried,  
And He bade the billows of her life subside;

So I would just sit and gaze and weep,  
Till eternally calm are the waters deep.

We are here not for earth, and not simply for time.  
Don't you hear? Hark! Again 'tis Eternity's chime!

Unhappy the ear that has ceased to hear,  
And the heart that feels not when God is near.

In the twilight of day—do you not recollect  
How much you lost through your prayer-neglect?

How many today are in sin and hell  
Because you omitted to pray—who can tell!

And the days without prayer—are NOT bright days;  
There are always about them some clouds and haze.

Have you not noticed that, and that vanity  
Of vanities must such life's outcome be.

God comes at times, and sometimes it fares  
We had angels' company unawares!

But there's so much work in the kingdom for some  
That no time is left for the King should He come.

O Martha, Martha! is no need in your heart?  
Won't you tell it to Him before He depart?

O, did you not see from the look of His face;  
He's hungry to give you abundance of grace!

At one time I too was a busy man.  
I worked, and my joy was to think and to plan.

But I always felt THAT was not my place;  
The hour of day's twilight I missed, and His face.

It is time again, ye apostles of the Lord  
To return to PRAYER and the work of the Word!

We were called to that—not at tables to serve—  
Leave THAT work to others, from YOUR task don't swerve!

Fine tables they are where some have their seat;  
New tissues they seek in the Old Strong Meat!  
But while they dissect and with learning carve,  
And talk about sinews, the people starve.

Of old, they had business, too; nets and boats,  
But they left it all—in actions and thoughts;

They went to the Cross through revilings and pain—  
For time it was loss, for eternity gain.

That is strange to us, for a habit now rare  
Is to spend each day much time in prayer.

We have come to say that by work we pray,  
But—where is the POWER of the twilight of day?

Three thousand were saved in a single hour,  
As they waited, and prayed, and cried for power.

And others, since then, like things have seen,  
But mark, they all men of prayer have been.

In the twilight of day let me steal away,  
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